



WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 26, 1909.

THE German peril, which a few weeks ago was confined to sporadic cases in Great Britain, is rapidly assuming the dimensions of an epidemic, and the danger of a Teutonic invasion is causing as much anxiety as did the Anakin of Cornwall in the days of Jack the Giant-killer. A dispatch from London, published elsewhere in the Gazette, says the English people are looking for an invasion of the British Isles by Germany at any hour, and some representative Britons are pessimistic and declare that England will be conquered. Indirect appeals are being made to the United States to stand ready to come to the rescue, and London papers hint at an actual alliance with this country, the second English-speaking nation of the world, suggesting that blood is thicker than water. It is proposed by Londoners that "American Day" be celebrated in that city in order that the British may be afforded an opportunity to show their solidarity. Some English statesmen believe that their empire is a breakwater against the movement by central Europe for expansion, and they say that the Moore doctrine will be menaced if England is placed at a disadvantage. The struggle between the English-speaking people and the Germans for supremacy is doubtless inevitable, although alarm at present may be premature. The British, however, imagine they see the shadow of Emperor William wherever they walk, and that he is about to make a movement toward wresting from England a supremacy she has enjoyed for centuries.

It seems that some cities in the union do not regard the visit of the president as adding anything to its commercial importance, nor does his appearance arouse enough enthusiasm as to cause the authorities to appropriate money to meet the expenses incident to a reception. Chicago it seems is to be deprived of the honor of having the president of the United States lay the cornerstone of its new city hall, because it is estimated the honor would cost too much—\$5,000—and the city cannot afford such "rank extravagance." This was the explanation given yesterday in the windy city for the failure of a resolution to be presented to the council Monday night providing for the appointment of a committee of five to go to Washington to invite President Taft to take part in the cornerstone laying June 30.

BECAUSE he was too old to get work, Henry Gauer, seventy years old, a hatter of East Orange, N. J., shot himself through the right temple as he sat on a bench in Battery Park, New York, yesterday. Gauer said he had no desire to live. When the ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital Gauer asked the surgeon to let him die on the bench. At the hospital he told a pathetic story before he lost consciousness. He said that he lived with his wife and a large family at East Orange, and that for five years he had been looking in vain for work at his trade as a hatter. Everywhere he was turned away because of his age. Man burdened with years and compelled to battle against poverty, especially in a large city, to use a worldly expression, "is up against it." An item now going the rounds of the press tells of a man 99 years old committing suicide.

FOLLOWING receipts of cattle on Monday in the western packing centers far below the average and said to have been almost the lightest on record, the price of beef by the carcasses was increased 25 cents a pound. That it will be followed by an increase in the price of meat at retail in New York was predicted. Some dealers declared the price would advance from 25 to 6 cents a pound in New York today. The sharp rise in the price of bread in New York recently, the result of the strike of bakers, added to the burden of the poor, and the soaring of prices of meat has practically placed that prime necessity out of their reach.

DESITE official denial, there is the highest authority for the statement that the English Foreign Office is pressing Japan for a statement concerning the reported Japanese-Austrian secret agreement to stand together in the event of any adverse move by Russia. It is understood that Japan has already unofficially denied any such compact, but England is far from convinced of the sincerity of Japan's position. Her doubt, in fact, is such that even an official denial from Japan will not completely reassure England. Inasmuch as England is friendly to Russia and unfriendly to Austria, the rumored action of Japan, England's ally is considered of the gravest moment.

Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of Gen. R. E. Lee, who sailed for Turkey more than a year ago as a missionary, has written her Virginia relatives that she is safe in Constantinople. Her name was mentioned as one of those in the danger zone.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, May 26.
The armored cruiser Montana, which, with the North Carolina, was ordered to Turkish waters as the result of the Armenian massacres, has sailed from Alexandria for the port of Latakia, Tripoli, and Beirut, according to dispatches received today by the bureau of navigation. The vessel will stop at these ports at which Americans reside to pay the customary visit. The North Carolina is still at Marseilles.

Robert J. Wynne, American consul-general at London, has resigned and John L. Griffiths, of Indiana, at present consul-general at Liverpool, will be appointed in his place.

At the request of the marshal of the Supreme Court, the Department of Justice today instructed the United States marshal at Chattanooga, Tenn., to bring Sheriff Shipp and his deputies, who were adjudged guilty of contempt by the Supreme Court, to Washington to receive sentence next week.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, today introduced an amendment to the tariff bill prohibiting any dealer or manufacturer of tobacco from giving away coupons or other devices entitling the purchaser to a gift or prize.

The withdrawal of a motion in New York for the appointment of a temporary receiver for the U. S. Express Company, to enable the collection of more evidence, coming almost coincident with the preparation by the Interstate Commerce Commission to hear complaints affecting express companies, leads to the impression here that a "community of interest" of opposition to all express companies has been effected. This case may be set for hearing by the commission early in July. In so far as the commission knows there is nothing more in the case than the question of exorbitant rates.

President Taft this afternoon attended the commencement exercises and the cornerstone laying of a Carnegie library at Howard University, the famous colored school of Washington. Mr. Carnegie visited the university about a year ago with President Roosevelt and on that occasion was so much impressed with the work done by the young men and women that he promised to give them sufficient funds for the construction of a much needed library. The president made the address at the cornerstone laying and delivered a message of cheer to the students.

President Taft today received a visit from Thomas Chalmers, pastor of the First Congregational Church, at Manchester, N. H., who appealed for aid for the new \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building in his city. The president wrote a letter for Dr. Chalmers, which will be used by the latter in the canvass for subscriptions.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate by the president today were the following: To be director of the census, Edward Dana Durand, of California; to be chief of the bureau of navigation, Rear Admiral William F. Porter.

The writ of attachment order by the Supreme Court last Monday in the Supreme Court's decision of the Shipp case were today forwarded to the marshal for the Eastern district of Tennessee at Chattanooga, for service. Marshal Wright of the Supreme Court has deputized the Tennessee marshal to take charge of the delivery of the men convicted of contempt and arranged for their appearance before the bar of the court next Tuesday. Senator Frazier, of Tennessee, called at the marshal's office of the Supreme Court today to declare that all of the defendants had signified their intention of coming to Washington to receive sentence on their own violation.

Director S. N. D. North has resigned from the Census Office, and the name of Mr. E. Dana Durand, now deputy commissioner of corporations, has been sent in to succeed him. Mr. North's resignation was based on the ground that on account of conditions existing and likely to continue, his administration of the Census Office would not probably be successful. The announcement of North's resignation came close upon the heels of a conference that President Taft had today with Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It is understood that Mr. Nagel demanded North's head as the result of an investigation carried on by order of the president.

BLOODY ENCOUNTER.

Laurel Creek section, in Madison county, N. C., noted for its many fights, is once more up in arms as the result of a bloody encounter between the Tweeds and Franklins, Monday evening, when Arthur Franklin was killed and his cousin, Andy Franklin, mortally hurt, and Maj. Tweed and Ben Sauton badly wounded. The fight took place at Andy Franklin's store, when Arthur Franklin and Robert Tweed met there and began shooting with pistols. Maj. Tweed, Sauton, and Andy Franklin taking part and also being wounded. Bystanders stopped the fight. Andy Franklin went up stairs with Arthur, who put his head out of a window, whereupon Robert Tweed discharged a load of shot into him. Andy Franklin then came down again and demanded to know why shot. Robert Tweed fired killing Franklin. Robert Tweed has disappeared. The sheriff has gone to the scene.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

The 114th annual council of the Episcopal diocese of Virginia convened in St. James Episcopal Church at Leesburg at 10 o'clock this morning. One hundred and fifty ministers and a large number of lay delegates will attend the sessions.

A meeting of the Sunday school commission of the diocese was held yesterday afternoon at St. James, the president, Rev. G. Otis Meade, rector of Christ Church, Richmond, presiding. The principal address was delivered by Rev. L. N. Caley, of Philadelphia. Rev. Thomas Semmes, rector of St. Andrews Church, Richmond; Rev. R. J. McBride, of Fredericksburg; and Rev. W. H. Burkhardt, of Leesburg, took an active part in the discussions.

The meeting will immediately proceed to the election of a bishop coadjutor. Those prominently mentioned for that position are Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, secretary of the foreign missionary board, of New York city; Rev. E. W. Evans, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Rev. James B. Winchester, of Memphis, Tenn.

The position was offered last year to Rev. Barryman Green, of Alexandria, who declined to accept. The council has not convened in Leesburg since 1822.

News of the Day.

A fire early today destroyed the plant of the California Fruit Canners' Association at Fresno, Cal. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The strike in the Kanawha field, W. Va., ordered by President Ben Davis, is practically complete in the entire field, except in Paint Creek, where an agreement is in force. The mine officials claim that 6,000 men are out.

Police precautions were redoubled yesterday at the hat factories in the Orange (N. J.) district, where riots have marked the return of women strikebreakers after five months of labor war. A number of broken windows, bruises and several battered carriages were the result of an outbreak early yesterday, when a crowd of 500 persons stoned fifty women strikebreakers.

A special correspondent of the Berlin Tagblatt sends the following from Larnaca, Cyprus: "The situation in Syria is most serious. The autonomy movement is gaining ground, with 'home rule' as the watchword. The troops stationed at Damascus refuse to recognize Mehmed V as sultan. The village of Adana is quiet, but a general uprising is feared."

Official details of the greatest dry goods combination ever attempted in this country was given out yesterday afternoon from the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., in New York, for the first time since the United Dry Goods Company took out a Delaware charter last Friday. J. P. Morgan & Co. are financing the deal. The concern has a capital of \$50,000,000. John Clinlin will be the head of the combination.

Nothing but talk was heard in the Senate yesterday. No schedules were set upon. While the day was given over to speeches, members of the finance committee were engaged "counting noses" on several propositions and endeavoring to reach an agreement, under the surface, for a date for voting finally upon the bill. Nothing was settled, but Senator Aldrich let it be known that he has hopes of being able to dispose of the whole tariff business by June 20—the date which President Taft mentioned while south as the probable one for adjournment. At any rate, Mr. Aldrich believes the tariff will be out of the way before President Taft is ready to leave Washington the last week of June.

Virginia News.

A movement is on foot for the establishment of a State bank at Rapidan.

The residence of James Carter, about five miles from Warrenton, and contents were destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss was large as there was only an insurance of \$1,000 on the entire property.

The board of supervisors of Orange county have decided to petition Judge Gimley to order an election on the question of a bond issue for \$25,000 for the completion of macadam roads in Madison district.

The Southern Virginia Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church met in Newport News yesterday. Fifty-nine clerical and 38 lay delegates are in attendance. The session opened with a sermon at St. Paul's Church that morning by Rev. J. M. Owens. Bishop A. M. Randolph and Coadjutor Bishop Beverly D. Tucker are presiding over the proceedings. A missionary conference yesterday afternoon was followed by a missionary meeting last night.

The forty-first annual session of the Virginia Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias began in Newport News last evening. Rev. J. Hallowell Dickinson, the Grand Chancellor, presided. Reports were received and preliminary work attended to; then the body adjourned to make way for the dramatic order of the Knights of Honor. The team of Ben-Mora Temple, Richmond, initiated a number of candidates into the mysteries of the order. A banquet followed. The convention will close tomorrow, when a great parade will be given, headed by the uniform rank.

MANN ATTACKS TUCKER.

The ill-fated Jamestown exposition, now in receivers' hands, was brought in to the Virginia gubernatorial campaign as a political issue yesterday by Judge William Hodges Mann, of Nottingham county, who in a speech at Powhatan Court House, charged that the lack of business and executive ability displayed by his political opponent, Harry St. George Tucker, as president of the exposition, evidences his unfitness to occupy the chair as a business governor of Virginia. He further charged that the failure of the exposition was due to the management of the president, Mr. Tucker.

The address of Judge Mann was by far the most vigorous and aggressive made by him since the campaign opened. In closing that part of his speech relating to the exposition, he dramatically said that if Mr. Tucker "proposes to manage the state's affairs as he managed those of the exposition, I can only say, 'God save the commonwealth!'"

Judge Mann attacked Mr. Tucker mercilessly. He charged that his opponent was making "absolutely untrue statements as to well-known facts" for the "purpose of misleading the people." Judge Mann also took several hot shots at Mr. Tucker's congressional career. He charged Mr. Tucker with posing as an anti-railroad candidate in the present fight, when, as a member of Congress, he voted against the safety appliance law, affecting the coupling of railroad cars. He charged Mr. Tucker as seeking to create the impression he is a friend of temperance, when in Congress he voted twice against measures introduced to help the temperance cause—one being the "original package bill" and the other the resolution to create a commission to investigate liquor tariff conditions.

Fishermen Drowned.

Madrid, May 26.—Several scores of fishermen have lost their lives in a storm along the coast near Bilbao, according to messages today from that town. Small fishing boats have gone to the bottom and immense damage was wrought along the coast for many miles.

Will Be Candidate for Senator.

Springfield, Ill., May 26.—Mr. Lorimer has given his consent to use his name as candidate for United States senator and several ballots will at once be taken in an effort to develop his strength. Balloting will be continued during the day.

Sixty-first Congress.

Washington, May 26.
SENATE.

The attack upon the sugar schedule of the tariff bill which has been promulgated by the republican insurgents and the democrats began today in the Senate. The advocates of lower duties have been claiming that they would show their greatest strength when they reached the sugar schedule and were confident of obtaining reductions. On the other hand Senator Aldrich declares confidently that he has votes enough to put through the schedule just as it was reported by the finance committee. The fight will involve a new line-up in the Senate, for the representatives of the beet sugar growing states of the Mississippi valley together with the democratic senators from Louisiana are just as earnest in their advocacy of the retention of existing duties on this article as are the high protectionists of the east.

Senator Brewster, of Kansas, one of the insurgent republicans, opened the fight today by proposing to eliminate the Dutch standard of color and to reduce the duty on refined sugars from \$1.90 to \$1.325 per hundred pounds. He then proceeded to deliver a speech strongly denunciatory of the sugar trust which he claimed had been making inordinate profits out of the American people.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, also proposed to amend the schedule by striking out the Dutch standard and by making 75 degrees sugar dutiable at 50 cents per hundred pounds; 2 cents per hundred pounds additional for every additional degree; and refined sugar \$1 per hundred pounds.

In opening his remarks, Mr. Brewster declared that his amendments would not destroy the industry of sugar raising in this country and that he was just as good a protectionist as those who claimed that to lower the sugar duties would be to destroy that industry. He said that in offering his reductions, he was trying to protect the policy of protection from becoming a symbol of graft and greed.

HOUSE.

The House was not in session today, having adjourned on Monday last Thursday.

Today's Telegraphic News

Earthquake Shocks.
Chicago, May 26.—A slight earthquake shock lasting about one second shook several parts of Illinois, shortly before 9 o'clock this morning; no damage is reported. At Pontiac and Freeport, the quake was rather violent. Windows were rattled and articles shaken from the walls. At Aurora, the shock overturned a stove, setting a fire which did small damage. The tremors extended throughout Wisconsin and Iowa, as well as Illinois, in some locations lasting three or four seconds. No damage is reported. At Dubuque, Iowa, two shocks were felt and were so violent that several office buildings were seriously shaken. There was general terror, but no damage. Buildings at Janesville, Wis., trembled violently during the shock there, which lasted two seconds.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 26.—Cities all over southern Wisconsin are reporting an earthquake at 8:34 o'clock this morning.

Peoria, Ill., May 26.—A slight earthquake shock hit this city at 8:30 this morning. Director Dealey of the local weather bureau station, said the shock was of three or four seconds duration; no damage resulted. Reports from Wymond, Edwards Station and other central Illinois towns, are to the effect that an earthquake shock was felt at the same time the disturbance was noted in Peoria.

Muskegon, Mich., May 26.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 8:30 this morning. Residents of the city were terrified. No damage was done.

Washington, D. C., May 26.—The Weather Bureau seismograph today recorded an earthquake at 9 o'clock 41 minutes and 30 seconds, Washington time. The instrument recorded a shock of a little over a minute duration and of not very much intensity.

The Georgia Central Strike.

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—Though no actual progress in settlement of strike between the firmes and the Georgia Central Railway was made at last night's conference between General Manager Scott, Vice President Ball, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and Charles P. Neill United States commissioner of labor, there is a hopeful feeling today that a conciliatory result. There was a serious outbreak at Augusta last night, when a mob of strike sympathizers attacked an engine with a strike breaker fireman and an armed guard. The engine crew attempted to escape by driving the engine at top speed, but the engine was derailed.

Attempt to Drown Himself.

New York, May 26.—Grace Anthony, a striking broomstick woman, was charged today to drown herself in the Hudson river, declared in the police court today that she knew nothing of the young man who threw himself 132 feet from the Riverside viaduct, slain at her feet, and was crushed to death, as she was being led away from the pier by a watchman. Later the woman told the police she was dependent because of a love affair with a man who she says is George Harmon, she is held on charge of attempted suicide.

Monorail Wins.

Epsom, Eng., May 26.—King Edward's Monorail won the Derby today in a driving rain with Louver, second, and William the Fourth, third. The race was one of the most spectacular ever run over the Derby course and the victory was most popular, it being the first for King Edward as a reigning monarch although he had twice won the classic as Prince of Wales.

Four Persons Drowned.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 26.—A launch carrying eight persons, on a pleasure trip, rushed through the gates of a paper mill on the Wisconsin river, today, carrying four of the party to their deaths.

Knights Templar.

Philadelphia, May 26.—Dr. A. Howard Thomas, of Philadelphia, was elected Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, defeating his only opponent, Dr. Joseph L. Mason, of this city. "The new Grand Commander, Abraham H. H. of Lebanon, will announce his appointments at the public installation tonight.

The Seaman's Strike.

Marseilles May 26.—Unless the strike of French seamen at the local port, is settled before the day is over, marines from the war vessels will take charge of the mail steamers and run them. The strike spread today until practically all of the sailors are now out. Foreign vessels were despatched today.

Railroad President Sentenced.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 26.—Charles S. Cameron, president of the Tube City Railroad, was sentenced this afternoon to serve two years in the Western penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 for offering a \$70,000 bribe to William A. Marlin, accompaniment.

New York Stock Market.

New York, May 26.—After a little irregularity in the opening the stock market developed heaviness similar to that which prevailed during the greater part of Tuesday's trading and in the first fifteen minutes prices generally tended downward. Steel common was strong, advancing 1-4 and some specialties including American Locomotive made fractional gains. The leading railroad stocks declined on moderate selling. Reeling lost 1-2 and Atchison showed about the same loss. At the end of the first fifteen minutes nearly everything showed small net losses.

Victim of the Cammerist.

Naples, May 26.—Further evidence that Joseph Petrosino, the New York detective, who was mysteriously shot to death in Palermo, was a victim of the Naples Cammerist organization or Black Hand society came to light today among the documents filed in connection with the case of Errico Alfano, a Cammerist leader, who is awaiting trial on a charge of complicity in the murder of a couple named Cuccoli, who were affiliated with the Camorra.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The city of Petersburg recently appropriated \$5,000 for the purpose of entertaining President Taft. Alexandria on the 30th of April not only had the pleasure of having the president but Speaker Cannon and other dignitaries, and now there is a squabble over an appropriation of \$800 to make up a deficiency created by entertaining the chief executive and other prominent people—poor Alexandria. It is a shame on this city, especially so as the committee representing "Home-coming Week" advertised the city to the four corners of the earth. Not less than \$50,000 was spent here, and for the committee to have to appeal to Council, and to have the claim hanging fire, to make up the deficiency in expenses, it looks cheap.

DIED.

At her home, on Franklin street, at 3:15 Tuesday afternoon, May 26th, MRS. NELLIE LEZ, 34-1/2, only daughter of Esie and the late Charles Wood, Funeral Friday at 3 p. m. from St. Paul's Church. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

THE WEAVER PIANOS.

High Tribute Paid Weaver Piano by Noted Singer. Frank Croxton, Eminent American Bass, Selects Style "37" For His Studio in New York.

Mr. Frank Croxton commenting upon the Weaver Piano says: "It is a genuine pleasure for me to sing with this magnificent instrument. It gives my voice just the support a singer must have. Its tone is round, full and sweet and wonderfully sympathetic, and I consider it the nearest approach to a Grand Piano I have ever found in any upright."

"After singing with the Weaver Piano in concert at the Board of Trade Auditorium in Harrisburg on the night of November 3, 1907, I was so impressed that I took occasion to make a most critical examination of the Piano with the result that I at once placed my order with the Weaver Organ & Piano Company for a style no. '37' for shipment to my studio in New York."

Weaver Organ & Piano Co. Manufacturers, York Pa.

W. I. Whitson, Sole Agent, 611-613 King St., Alexandria.

President Taft received a visit this afternoon from the representatives of the independent sugar refiners, who came to urge the removal of duties on the raw product. The concerns represented were the Arbuckle Brothers, the Federal Sugar Refining Co. and the Warner Sugar Refining Co., and E. F. Atkins, of Boston, acted as spokesman.

Whooping Cough.

"In February my daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane, of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to anyone having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. G. Goss, of Durand, Mich. For sale by W. F. Creighton & Co., and Richard Gibson.

FINANCIAL.

Statement of the Financial Condition OF THE VIRGINIA SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST CORPORATION

Located at Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business April 28th, 1909, made to the State Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.

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| Loans and discounts | \$569,797.91 |
| Overdrafts—Secured, \$604.86; unsecured, \$89.94 | 1,294.80 |
| Bonds, securities, and other investments, including premium on same | 33,995.63 |
| Real estate and other property owned | 33,404.94 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 13,464.74 |
| Exchanges and checks for next day's clearings | 2,397.96 |
| Due from National Banks | 51,740.66 |
| Due from State Banks Private Bankers and Trust Companies | 23,122.30 |
| Payable currency | 42,607.00 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 240.46 |
| Gold coin | 61.15 |
| Silver coin | 556.83 |
| All other items of resources, viz: Trust securities | 22,000.00 |
| Total | \$776,783.82 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Capital stock paid in | \$287,320.00 |
| Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes | 5,551.89 |
| Dividends unpaid | 150.00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 382,297.54 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 26,346.72 |
| Certified checks | 1,743.16 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 839.52 |
| Due to National Banks | 20,955.06 |
| Due to State Banks, Private Bankers and Trust Companies | 14,611.94 |
| Bills payable, including certain notes of deposit representing money borrowed | 15,874.93 |
| Trust funds | 22,000.00 |
| Total | \$776,783.82 |

I, C. J. Rixey, President, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, located at Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 28th day of April, 1909, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:
JOHN P. ROBINSON,
C. LEADBEATER,
H. RAABER,
Directors.

State of Virginia, City of Alexandria:
Sworn to and subscribed before me by C. J. Rixey this 26th day of May, 1909.
FRANCIS F. MARRERY,
Notary Public.
My commission expires April 13, 1913.

City Council.

But a small volume of business was transacted at the regular meeting of the City Council last night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Field, from the joint committee on general laws and streets, submitted the new building law with a recommendation that it pass. The ordinance differs but little from that which has been in operation in Alexandria for a number of years. Mr. Field called attention to the new alterations from the old law, and after it had been read the second and third times it was passed by a unanimous vote.

This was the only paper submitted in the Board of Aldermen, and the action of the Common Council on all papers sent in was occurred in without discussion.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Vice President Under presided last night in the absence of the president. The ordinance permitting a sidewalk into Smoot and Company's property at the corner of Union and Cameron streets was reported favorably by the committee on streets and passed unanimously.

The committee on streets also recommended an appropriation of \$400 for a ten inch pipe sewer on Fairfax street, between Wolfe and Wilkes, and \$160 for a sewer for Lee School, and these reports were adopted.

The appropriation bill, laid over from the last meeting, was read. Mr. Burke explaining that the appropriations for street cleaning, fire department and chain gang were less than last year. In reply to questions by Messrs. Monroe and Spinks, Mr. Burke said the appropriation for the chain gang was the city's part of the jail expenses, and the superintendent of the chain gang was paid out of the funds for street cleaning and repair.

In reply to a statement made by Mr. Under at the last meeting that \$69,000 had been spent on streets and sewers in Alexandria during the past four years, Mr. Leadbeater read a statement of the expenditures and receipts during that period, which showed a net cost to the city of \$78,952.25.

Mr. Spinks thought the bonded indebtedness of the city should be increased, if possible. Future generations would be benefited by these improvements and should pay their proportion. If taxes continued to increase, people would leave Alexandria.

Mr. Currier wished to call the attention of Council to the lack of laws prohibiting waste water on sewered streets. The appropriation bill was passed, ayes 14, noes 0.

Mr. Leadbeater moved a reconsideration of the ordinance appropriating \$800 for the Washington Monument Association. This resulted in a discussion on parliamentary procedure, Mr. Brumback claiming reconsideration could only be moved at the meeting at which the matter to be reconsidered was lost.

Mr. Smith read the rule showing that the motion was in order, and after further discussion the motion to reconsider was carried.

Mr. Leadbeater then moved that the ordinance be laid over until the next meeting, saying he hoped the members of Council would look into the matter in the meantime. The ordinance was laid over.

Mr. Evans could not understand where this money was coming from. He had been told by the committee on streets and finance that south Henry street could not be paved, because the city did not have the money, and yet there seemed to be money for other purposes.

An ordinance appropriating \$8,000 for the continuation of the sewer on West street from King to Cameron and on Cameron from West to Fayette was referred to the committee on streets.

An ordinance appropriating \$200 to purchase a car load of pipe was referred to the committee on streets.

The Chair then directed the clerk to read the health ordinance.

Mr. Smith said this ordinance had been read the second time at the last meeting of Council, and each member furnished with a copy. The understanding at that time was that the ordinance was not to be read again but would be open to amendment tonight. The clerk could read the section headings and point out the changes since the members' copies were printed. This was done.

Mr. Brill moved the salary of the health officer be increased from \$600 to \$1,000, but this was lost.

After considerable discussion in which Mr. Monroe favored the ordinance as a whole, and Mr. Evans certain parts, while Mr. Brill urged the regulation of the sale of milk would work a hardship on many who relied on the sale of milk for their support, had Mr. Spinks objected to the measure being read through the ordinance was laid over until the next meeting.

The ordinance providing for the inspection of buildings and the regulation of their construction was without discussion laid over until the next meeting.

Council then adjourned.

Official.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held May 25, 1909, there were present:
J. R. N. CURTIN, Esq., President, and Messrs